

KANEGASAKI SISTER CITY COMMITTEE
BUSINESS MEETING
May 8th, 2008
5 PM Senior Center Alice Dowd Lounge

Members Present: Nancy Bess, Helen MacMellon, Stephanie Joyce, Nancy Pagano

Members Absent: Byron Koh, Carolyn Platt, Yuko Takahashi

Discussion of Memory Book

The Kanegasaki Sister City Committee met to discuss what might be included in a memory book for our Town Manager, Larry Shaffer, to take as gift to Kanegasaki when he visits in 2010.

Nancy brought in her KSCC scrapbook with photos, news articles and text, and everyone thought much of that information could be used.

We discussed including the following:

- Mission statement for the formation of the KSCC
- Time line of exchanges
- Photographs of both Kanegasaki visits here and our students there, including press coverage
- Statements/letters from the students who participated, including comments about the impact this visit had on their lives
- Photographs of the Kanegasaki books in Jones AND in the schools where they have been distributed
- Documentation of Taste of Japan/UMass in KSCC participated
- Documentation of Anne of Green Gables, including statements and photographs

We discussed NOT including annual reports

In discussing whether we might include a digital version in the packet, we realize we don't know enough about the differences in technology between our two countries. Stephanie talked about the disc, "Day in the Life of Wildwood" that might be interesting. Would an Apple disc work, what about DVDs and videos? These are questions to explore.

Discussion of Other Kinds of Cultural Exchanges

This last point led to further interest in different exchanges with Kanegasaki. We talked a bit about shared interests—libraries, senior centers, learning in retirement, recycling centers, etc. Stephanie thought telecommunication might be possible now and suggested that art exhibitions might be shared. Nothing was decided, nor did it need to be. We were really just planting seeds.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting ended at 6 PM. The date of the next meeting has not been determined exactly, though it will likely be in September or October.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Hirsh Pagano, Secretary/Liaison with assistance from Nancy Bess